

Board of Health Minutes

Aug 12, 2021

Attendance: Shirley Fessler, Catherine Wagner, Jonathan Neils, Dr. Todd Nelson, Nick Muench, Shannon Wanek, Dr. Brian Konowalchuk, Also attending: Bob Ziegelbauer. Excused: Rita Metzger

Regular Business:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dave Nickels at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the April 8, 2021 Board of Health meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Shirley Fessler and Jonathon Neils seconded by to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Health Officer Update:

- COVID-19 Update
 - COVID-19 cases have risen dramatically in Manitowoc County, and hospitalizations in the NE region are up 90% in the last 7 days.
 - Manitowoc County is at a "HIGH" level of community transmission. As such, the Health Department has issued a public recommendation for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask in indoor public spaces.
 - MCHD has resumed weekly communication efforts. Reports will be posted on the HD website and FB on Wednesdays, and a radio address will be given on WOMT and CUB radio on Thursday mornings.
- Vote: Ordinance Amending Manitowoc County Code 7.14 (Health Officer) and Repealing Manitowoc County Code.
 - Motion to approve made by Nick Muench, Jon Neils seconded motion. A vote was taken and the ordinance was approved unanimously.

Nurse Manager Update (Delivered by Health Officer Stephanie Lambert)

- Communicable Disease Report
 - COVID-19 remained the predominant reportable communicable disease in Manitowoc County. Cases were higher in July than in August.
 - Chlamydia is the second most reported disease in the county.
 - An increase in Lyme disease was noted for July.

Environmental Health Manager Report:

Nothing to note

WIC Director Report:

The June final caseload was 900 participants and 544 families. The July initial caseload is 903 participants and 544 families. The current WIC contract is for 890 participants.

The Cash Value Benefit (CVB) increase for fruit and vegetable dollars was widely used over the summer months. An extension has not yet been approved by Congress – in response the State has asked WIC programs to return to the original funding amount for the months of October and November.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be September 9, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Shirley Fessler and seconded by Nick Muench. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Lambert, Acting Secretary